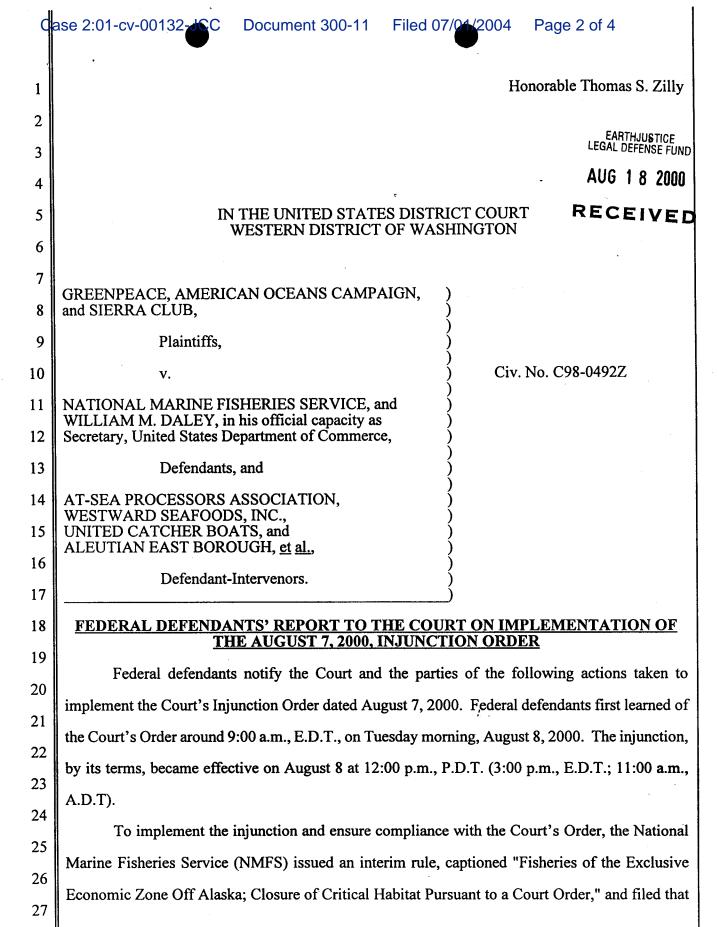
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rulemaking document on a "Special Handling" basis with the Office of the Federal Register at 5:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) on August 8, noted for immediately filing. The interim rule (attached as Exhibit 1) was "promulgated under the authority of Section 11(f) of the [Endangered Species Act] and in compliance with the Court's injunction," and sets forth the terms of the Court's Order. The rule also lists all Steller sea lion critical habitat sites closed to comply with the Order. NMFS is working with the U.S. Coast Guard to enforce the closure.

NMFS also began hourly radio broadcast transmissions over the NOAA Weather Radio on August 8 to inform the public of the injunction (see Exhibit 2), and the agency issued a press release dated August 9 to publicize the Court's Order, the NMFS emergency interim rulemaking, and availability of more information on the agency's website (Exhibit 3). Finally, NMFS coordinated with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, which issued its own press release on August 8 and informed the public of a similar prohibition of "fishing with trawl gear in state waters" as a result of the closure of trawl fishing in federal waters under the Court's Order and the NMFS emergency interim rule (Exhibit 4).

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of August, 2000.

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